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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1794

Application No.: 10/568,381

Examiner: E. S. WOOD

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For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina May 6, 2011

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2010, please enter the following amendment and consider the remarks which follow. In addition, Applicants submit herewith a Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time and credit card form to extend the due date to May 9, 2011, as well as a Request for Continued Examination.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 7 of this paper.